

Lawton Public Library Board Meeting

Wednesday May 4, 2022

The Lawton Public Library Board met at 4:00 pm in Meeting Room 1 at the Main Library.

Notice of the meeting and agenda was posted in accordance with Oklahoma law.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Patty Neuwirth, Chair.

Roll Call: Patty Neuwirth, Chair; Sue Kremmer, Vice Chair; Frantzie Couch, Member; Ellouise Love, Member; Jenny Breeden, Friends Representative; Kristin Herr, Library Director; Lauren Zemaitis, Deputy Library Director; Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant; Randy Warren, City Council Liaison (Absent); Richard Rogalski, Deputy City Manager (Absent)

A motion was made to approve the Library Board minutes for the April 6, 2022 meeting as presented. (Couch/Kremmer)

Two letters from the Mayor were presented as correspondence. The letters are the Mayor's reappointment of Ellouise and Frantzie to the Board.

The Financial Report was given. Kristin stated that the end of the fiscal year is approaching and that the Library is trying to spend the remaining money wisely.

The Library Director's Report was given. Kristin pointed out that barricades had been put up in advance around the Library for the upcoming Arts for All event. Kristin also reported that the coils for the HVAC system were installed, but that there was more work to be completed on the system.

The Friends Report was given. Jenny stated that the last Friends meeting was well attended with an interesting presentation from Daniel Phelps, Library Technology Specialist, about the Library's Digital Memory Center. Frantzie reported that the final Chautauqua book review is coming up next week and that all previous book reviews are posted on Vimeo.

There was nothing to report for SWOGS/Family History.

City Council Agenda Items:

- Kristin briefly spoke about the ongoing City Council budget meetings.

Unfinished Business:

- An update of some of the Library grants was given.
 - The telehealth book should ship out soon.
 - The deadline for several grants is coming up soon.
- Kristin reported that there had been no movement on the ceiling study yet.
- Kristin stated that the RFID project was moving along.
 - She reported that the Library had several RSVP volunteers helping tag the books.
 - She also reported that the Library has a new AARP worker helping with the project.

- Kristin stated that the Library is looking into purchasing locking cases for the DVDs.

New Business:

- Kristin asked the Board to look at the Reconsideration of Library Materials Policy to see if it needs any updates.
 - There was a discussion about the current trend of censorship in the nation.
 - The Board believes it might be best to reword part of the policy.

Comments from the floor:

- Kristin told the Board that her ten-year anniversary with the Lawton Public Library is occurring later in the week.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 pm./Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant III